GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5162
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2001
DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS BY MTNL
AKHILESH SINGH;BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the corporate officers of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has distributed gifts worth crores of rupees on the occasion of Diwali and New Year festivals of 2000-01;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to investigate the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/ being taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) On Diwali, Corporate gifts were distributed as per normal practice at a total cost of Rs.1,08,476/-.

No gifts were distributed on New Year.

(c) to (e) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is empowered to take decision on such matters.The expenditure does not appear to be excessive to warrant investigations.